

## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 932

By Swafford

A RESOLUTION to recognize and commend Sharron L. Eckert for her honorable and astute service to the people of Tennessee.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those estimable public servants who have dedicated themselves to improving the quality of life for their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, Sharron L. Eckert is one such estimable person who evinces the greatest integrity and probity in all her chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, throughout her exemplary tenure as a teacher, devoted wife and mother, woman of faith, and advocate for the arts, Ms. Eckert has distinguished herself as a public-spirited citizen of the highest order and as an exceptional asset to her community; and

WHEREAS, believing deeply in her mission of educating, empowering, and encouraging all students to achieve their maximum potential, Ms. Eckert spent many years as a high school social studies teacher in Southern Indiana; and

WHEREAS, Sharron Eckert brilliantly coordinated contests, managed summer camps for cheerleaders, developed leadership programs for students, and served as the liaison between the teachers and the principals as the Director of Student Activities for Indiana Secondary School Administrators; and

WHEREAS, possessing the rare ability to transform a vision into a dynamic achievement, Sharron Eckert helped establish the Cumberland Artisans for Creative Expression (CACE), a flourishing non-profit organization which celebrates the visual, performing, and literary arts in Cumberland County; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Eckert served with acumen and alacrity as the President of CACE for six years and currently lends her time and tremendous talents as a CACE Board Member and Coordinator for the CACE Youth Expo, an annual exhibit of the visual art and performances of

Cumberland County's youth, which offers hands-on experiences in traditional arts, creative writing, and music; and

WHEREAS, known throughout her community as a dedicated advocate for the arts, Ms. Eckert writes articles for cultural arts publications and renders sterling service in numerous organizations, including serving as a Board Member of the Cumberland County Playhouse and the Upper Cumberland Arts Alliance and an active participant in the Fairfield Glade Art Guild; and

WHEREAS, this gifted woman's creative touch spans various mediums, including quilting, embroidery, woodwork, and fibers; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Eckert expresses her devout Christian faith as an active member of The United Church of Christ, where she holds various leadership positions, works with youth groups, and participates in mission work trips; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to honors and accolades, Sharron Eckert was selected as an Outstanding Woman of Ohio in 1995 and honored on the national level of the United Church of Christ; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Eckert's remarkable success as a public servant and civic leader is directly attributable to her reliance on the time-honored values of hard work and common sense and her uncommon ability to work well with people from all walks of life; and

WHEREAS, Sharron Eckert is an extremely giving person who often reaches out with compassion to people whom life has treated unkindly, and she epitomizes the ideal of the consummate professional, dedicated public servant, and reliable friend and neighbor; and

WHEREAS, her many accomplishments aside, Ms. Eckert is most grateful of the love and companionship she shares with her husband, Tom, their three wonderful children, and six beautiful grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Sharron Eckert is wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the "Volunteer State," and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby commend Sharron L. Eckert for her honorable and astute

service to the good people of Tennessee and salute her unswerving commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.